SUBJECTS.

Popular Assembly. He said that in many families the Karanavan might be qualified for election but could not represent the wants and wishes of the people; while the educated Anandaravan would be able to represent those wants and wishes but could not be elected under the rules.

The same member also brought forward the following representations:—

92. Reduction of assessment on trees.

(1) That in consideration of the comparatively great difficulty in the growing of trees in the Meenachil Taluk, the assessment on the taxable trees might be reduced to one-half the existing rate:

93. Exemption from tax of diseased cocoanut trees.

(2) That cocoanut and other trees when attacked with plant disease might be exempted from taxation:

94. Levy of value of trees on Puduvals.

(3) That the rule of levying the value of trees, even useless ones, such as *muruku*, *pezha*, and *maruthu*, standing on Puduval lands might be cancelled:

5. Rule prohibiting collection cencha, eetta, &c.

(4) That the rule prohibiting the collection of *eencha*, *eetta* and *ottal* from the forests without a pass might also be cancelled as those were necessaries of every day life : and

6. Certificate of Provertikar for removal of timber from lands entered in the Ayacut.

(5) That timber standing on lands registered in the Ayacut might be allowed to be cut and transported on the strength of certificates of such registry from the Provertikar without a pass from the Forest officers.

Dewan's reply.— (Nos. 1 & 2) Noted.

(No. 3) The Conservator of Forests says that the trees mentioned are not valued. Separate representations may be made in regard to individual cases.

(No. 4) Noted.

(No. 5) The arrangement asked for, will, if allowed, lead to inconvenience and loss to Government. A pass should be obtained from the Forest officers.

Mr. Thomman Thomman (Member, Meenachil Taluk) requested—

97. Correct scales for salt Bankshalls.

(1) That the existing scales in the salt bankshalls might be replaced by others the correctness of the weighment of which could be easily understood by the people:

98. Reduction of mellabhom on tobacco.

(2) That the *mèllabhom* on tobacco might be reduced: and

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